

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	08/988,959	JEYACHANDRAN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	King Y. Poon	2624	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment and arguments filed on 3/3/2005 and 8/16/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-22, 26-37, 53-75, 77-88, 104; renumbered as claims 1-69.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 December 1997 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The invention is directed to a response method implemented in a response apparatus of selecting a response medium as well as response content.

Independent claim 19 identifies the uniquely distinct features of "phrase selection means for selecting an opening phrase or closing phrase in accordance with the selected response medium; response text preparation means for preparing a response text by appending the selected opening or closing phrase to the selected response message."

Independent claim 70 identifies the uniquely distinct features of "selecting an opening phrase or closing phrase in accordance with the selected response medium; preparing a response text by appending the selected opening or closing phrase to the selected response message."

Independent claim 104 identifies the uniquely distinct features of "selecting an opening phrase or closing phrase in accordance with the selected response medium; preparing a response text by appending the selected opening or closing phrase to the selected response message in a text form corresponding to the selected response medium."

The closest prior art Cain et al. (US 5,764,892), Mandel et al. (US 5,358,238) and Morgan et al (US 5,220,674) disclosed similar pieces of the invention; either singularly or in combination; fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious (to be used with other claimed limitations).


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The application is also allowable because of applicant's persuasive argument presented on page 29 to page 30, lines 1-4, Remarks filed on 8/16/2004.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to King Y. Poon whose telephone number is (571) 272-7440.

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